

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Richmond Division

ISK Biocides, Inc.,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 3:21CV386

Pallet Machinery Group, Inc., et al.,

Defendants.

INITIAL SCHEDULING ORDER

An initial pretrial conference in this case will be held at 9:00 a.m. on March 1, 2022, in the chambers of the Honorable John A. Gibney, Jr. Please report to the courtroom, Room 6000, 701 East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. At the conference, the case will be set for trial. Counsel for each party, or, if a party is not represented by counsel, the unrepresented party, shall appear. It is necessary for only one attorney for represented parties to attend the initial pretrial conference, provided that the attorney in attendance is authorized to set the matter for trial on a date certain. Any counsel whose office is more than fifty (50) miles from the U.S. Courthouse in Richmond may attend by conference call. Arrangements for a conference call may be made by calling chambers, 804-916-2870. **PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the Personal Electronics Device Policy of the Court, counsel* attending in person must bring a copy of his order and present it to the Court Security Officer to serve as authorization to bring a cellphone into the courthouse.

*Counsel of record covered under authorization: **Bassam Ibrahim, Scott Smith, Jaime Wisegarver, Robert Michaux, and Belinda Jones.** Any attorneys **not** listed, who wish to bring their cellphone to the pretrial conference, must complete the attached form and e-mail it to Wendy_Tuck@vaed.uscourts.gov.

No later than fourteen (14) days before the initial pretrial conference, counsel and any pro se parties shall meet, pursuant to Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, to formulate a discovery plan for the case. The Rule 26(f) meeting may occur by telephone. Counsel will orally report the results of the Rule 26(f) meeting at the pretrial conference. If the parties agree on a departure from the discovery procedures contained in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or the Local Rules, they shall tender an endorsed order at the pretrial conference.

No later than ten (10) days after the Rule 26(f) conference, the parties shall exchange initial disclosures pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a). Absent leave of Court, the initial disclosures must occur, regardless whether a dispositive motion is pending. Disclosures shall be updated pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(e). Timely updated disclosures shall include the disclosure of documents and witnesses to be used or offered for impeachment or rebuttal.

It is so ORDERED.

Entered: February 2, 2022

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John A. Gibney, Jr.
United States District Judge

IF THIS CASE IS SETTLED PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE, PLEASE CALL CHAMBERS
AT (804) 916-2870. THANK YOU.